

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Monday, March 10, 1997/Phalguna 19,
1918 (Saka)

*The Lok Sabha met at Three Minutes Past
Eleven of the Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

[English]

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, I have to inform the House with a deep sense of sorrow of the passing away of our esteemed friends, Sarvashri Shyamlal Dhurve and B. Gopala Reddi.

Shri Shyamlal Dhurve was a Member of Sixth Lok Sabha representing Mandla Parliamentary Constituency of Madhya Pradesh during 1977-79.

Earlier, he was a Member of Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly during 1972-77.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Dhurve was a prominent political and social worker. He worked tirelessly for the upliftment of the downtrodden sections of the society, particularly the tribals of the State.

Shri Shyamlal Dhurve passed away at village Amarpur, Mandla, Madhya Pradesh on 21 February, 1997 at the age of 63 years.

Shri B. Gopala Reddi was a Member of Third Lok Sabha representing Kavali Parliamentary Constituency of Andhra Pradesh during 1962-67.

Earlier, he was a Member of Madras Legislative Assembly during 1937-39 and again in 1946.

He was also a Member of Rajya Sabha during 1958-62.

He was Minister of Finance in the Government of erstwhile Madras State during 1947-52 and also the Leader of the Madras Legislative Assembly during 1948-52.

Shri Reddi was a Member of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly in 1955 and served as the Chief Minister of the State during 1955-56.

An able Parliamentarian, Shri Reddi served the country as Minister in the Union Government and held various portfolios during 1958-63.

Shri Reddy also served as Governor of Uttar Pradesh.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Reddi participated in Satyagraha movement, civil disobedience movement and suffered imprisonment for several years.

Having graduated from Vishwa Bharathi at Shantiniketan and translated Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's works into Telugu, he represented the composite culture of India. He has a significant place amongst the Telugu litterateurs of the country as well.

Shri B. Gopala Reddi passed away at Hyderabad on 9 March, 1997 at the age of 90 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and, I am sure, the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the deceased.

11.06 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

11.07 hrs.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Mid-Day Meal Scheme

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*201. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL :
SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the mid-day meal scheme launched by the Government has not yielded results as per expectation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any inquiry to find out the cases of irregularities, if any;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the details of expenditure incurred on the scheme so far?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) to (d) The National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education, commonly known as Mid-Day Meal Scheme, launched on 15 August, 1995, in the country, is intended to give a boost to universalisation of primary education by increasing enrolment, retention and attendance and simultaneously impacting on nutrition of students in primary classes. It